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Subject:

Settlement comments

I find it very strange when an entity is convicted of multibillion dollar crimes and then suffers no punitive damages. The terms of the settlement seem to be about equivalent to banning a bank robber from entering a bank by the left front door because that is how he robbed the bank last. I would like to see:

- 1) Code of conduct remedies without the serious loopholes of the current system. It is not a serious remedy if Microsoft can determine who gains access to the source code. It is not a serious remedy if Microsoft can avoid revealing "authentication protocols". They will simply make every protocol involve some amount of authentication.
- 2) Damages. In fact, punitive damages. Breaking the law, especially breaking the law to get several billion dollars should be bad. It sends a very poor message if this does not happen.

-John